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HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

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## HONGKONG.

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Office of the Corporation, No. 1, Queen's Road East. Hongkong, August 16, 1877.

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## BANKERS.

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## Intimations.

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THE DEVOE MANUFACTURING CO., 80 Dower and 127 Pearl Streets,

NEW YORK, U. S. A.

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## Intimations.

IN THE GOODS OF

PROSPER EDOUARD HENRI DERODE—Deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given that all CREDITORS and other Persons having any CLAIMS or DEMANDS upon or against the Estate of PROSPER EDOUARD HENRI DERODE, late of Lille, France, who died at Cannes, France on the 10th day of December, 1869, and Letters of Administration of whose personal estate were duly granted to ANDRE DAMMANN, of Canton in the Empire of China, Merchant, by the Supreme Court of Hongkong in its Probate Jurisdiction on the 26th day of October, 1877, are hereby required to send in writing the particulars of their CLAIMS or DEMANDS to the said ANDRE DAMMANN at his address aforesaid or to the Undersigned. WILLIAM HENRY BRETERON, the Solicitor of the said ANDRE DAMMANN at the Office of the said ANDRE DAMMANN, BRETERON, 29, Queen's Road, Hongkong, on or before the 1st day of February, 1878.

And notice is hereby given that at the expiration of the last-mentioned day the said ANDRE DAMMANN will proceed to distribute the assets of the said PROSPER EDOUARD HENRI DERODE amongst the parties entitled, having regard to the claims of which the said ANDRE DAMMANN has had notice; and that the said ANDRE DAMMANN has not had notice at the time of this distribution.

Dated this 31st day of October, 1877.

Wm. H. BRETERON,

Solicitor of the said ANDRE DAMMANN.

deceased.

IN THE GOODS OF

JAMES SMITH FERRIES,

Deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given that all CREDITORS and other Persons having any CLAIMS or DEMANDS upon or against the Estate of JAMES SMITH FERRIES, late Master of the S. S. "ZALANDIA," who died at Sea on Board the said Vessel, on the 8th day of February, 1877, and whose Will was duly proved, and Letters of Administration, with the Will annexed, of whose personal Estate were duly granted to JOHN FAIRBAIRN, of No. 27 Queen's Road, in the Colony of Hongkong, by the Supreme Court of Hongkong, in its Probate Jurisdiction, on the 22nd day of September 1877, are hereby required to send in writing the particulars of their CLAIMS or Demands to the said JOHN FAIRBAIRN at his address aforesaid, or to the Undersigned. WILLIAM HENRY BRETERON, the Solicitor of the said JOHN FAIRBAIRN, at the Office of the said JOHN FAIRBAIRN, BRETERON, 29, Queen's Road, Hongkong, on or before the 15th day of January, 1878.

And notice is hereby given that at the expiration of the last-mentioned day, the said JOHN FAIRBAIRN will proceed to distribute the assets of the said JAMES SMITH FERRIES amongst the parties entitled thereto, having regard to the claims of which the said JOHN FAIRBAIRN has had notice; and that the said JOHN FAIRBAIRN will not be liable for the Assets or any part thereof, so distributed, to any person of whom claim the said JOHN FAIRBAIRN has not had notice at the time of the distribution.

Dated this 3rd day of October, 1877.

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## Notices to Consignees.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

S. S. AND YR.

## NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of cargo per S. S. *Menorca* and *Carrie*, from London, in connection with the above steamer, are hereby informed that their goods are being landed and stored at their risk in the Company's Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional cargo will be forwarded on, unless intimation is received from the Consignees, before 1 o'clock To-day, the 2nd instant, requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.

Goods remaining unclaimed after Friday, the 9th instant, at noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

H. D. POUEY,

Agent.

Hongkong, November 2, 1877. no9

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s S. S. *GWLIAH* AND *POONAH*.

CONSIGNEES of cargo by the above-named vessels, from London, Bombay and Intermediate Ports, and in connection with the steamer *BOKHARA* from Calcutta, are hereby informed that their goods are being landed and stored at their risk in the Company's Godowns, at West Point, whence delivery can be obtained from this date.

Goods not delivered by the 12th instant will be subject to rent.

ADAM LIND,

Superintendent.

Hongkong, November 5, 1877. no10

## FROM LONDON AND SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. *Glenlyon* having arrived, Consignees of cargo are hereby informed that their goods are being landed at their risk and stored in the Godowns of the Undersigned, whence and/or from the Wharf or Boats delivery may be obtained.

Optional cargo will be forwarded to Shanghai, unless notice to the contrary is given before 2 p.m. To-day.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 12th instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,  
Hongkong, November 5, 1877. no12

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM LONDON, LIVERPOOL, BOMBAY AND SINGAPORE.

THE "Inman" S. S. *City of Limerick* having arrived, Consignees of cargo are hereby informed that their goods are being landed at their risk and stored in the Godowns of the Undersigned, whence and/or from the Wharf or Boats delivery may be obtained.

Optional cargo will be forwarded to Shanghai, unless notice to the contrary is given before 1 p.m. To-day.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 12th instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned after Consignees have signed the Average Bond by

BIRLEY &amp; CO.,

Agents.

Hongkong, November 2, 1877. no12

BRITISH BARQUE *ELMSTONE*, FROM LONDON.

CONSIGNEES of cargo per above vessel are hereby requested to send in their bills of lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and take immediate delivery of their goods.

Cargo impeding discharge of the vessel will be landed and stored at Consignee's risk and expense.

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO.,

Agents.

Hongkong, October 18, 1877.

BARQUE *STRATHMORE*, FROM KURRACHEE.

CONSIGNEES of cargo by the above-named vessel are requested to send in their bills of lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and take immediate delivery of their goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the vessel will be landed and stored at Consignee's risk and expense.

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO.,

Agents.

Hongkong, October 23, 1877.

BRITISH BARQUE *MELBREK*, FROM LONDON.

CONSIGNEES of cargo by the above vessel are hereby requested to send in their bills of lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the vessel will be landed and stored at Consignee's risk and expense.

ARNHOLD, KARBURG & CO.,

Agents.

Hongkong, October 16, 1877.

## Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be responsible for any debt contracted by the Officers or Crews of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:

Catrizos, American ship, Captain W. Lalli.—Slemmons & Co.

Arlington, British barque, Captain G. Cunningham.—Wiele & Co.

Ottawan, British ship, Captain E. Shrewsbury.—Wiele & Co.

Fantower, British steamer, Capt. J. H. von Barge.—Chinese.

Coronado, American ship, Captain Ingraham.—Russell & Co.

Kate Carrie, British barque, Captain James Wilson.—Melchett & Co.

Broomhall, British ship, Captain H. Eate.—Russell & Co.

Jacinta, Dutch brig, Captain Dirksen.—Siemsen & Co.

Charter Oak, American ship, Captain Staples.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

Batanian, British ship, Captain Hopkins.—Yunnan Fong.

## Intimations.

## Volume Sixth of the "CHINA REVIEW."

## Now Ready.

No. III.—Vol. VI.

OF THE

CHINA REVIEW  
CONTAINSThe Rhymes of the Shu-ling.  
Brief Sketches from the Life of K'ung-ming.  
(Continued from Vol. V, page 367.)

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Shantung.

Notes on Chinese Grammar (Continued from

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Geographical Notes on the Province of

Kiangsi.

Translations of Chinese School-books.

Short Notices of New Books and Literary

Intelligence.

Notes and Queries:

Bankruptcy in China.

The Share taken by Chinese and Ban-

nermen Respectively in the Gov-

ernment of China.

Laws of Sale among the Chinese.

Student in Words.—Roots Meaning One.

The Character 月.

Chinese Antiquity.

Shih-tzu or Shangti.

A Chinese Primer.

A Rare Manchu Coin.

Were Yao and Shun Historical Persons?

Native Literature on Chinese Porcelain.

Books Wanted, Exchanges, &amp;c.

China Mail Office,

Hongkong, October 31, 1877.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

FOR SINGAPORE, BRISBANE,  
SYDNEY & MELBOURNE.(Calling off the usual Coast Ports to land  
Mail and Passengers.)The Eastern and Australasian  
Mail Mail Steam Co.'s Str.

"BOWEN"

will be despatched as above

on FRIDAY, the 9th instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

GIBB, LIVINGSTON &amp; CO.

Hongkong, November 8, 1877. no9

FOR SHANGHAI

The Steamer

"AMOY,"

G. H. DREWES, Master, will be

despatched for the above Port

TO-MORROW, Friday, the 9th instant, at

5 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

REMEDIOS &amp; CO.

Hongkong, November 8, 1877. no10

ST. ANDREW'S BALL

TO be Held in the CITY HALL on

FRIDAY EVENING, the 30th No-

vember. Subscription Lists are to be seen

at the HONGKONG CLUB, and with Messrs

GEO. FALCONER &amp; CO. and MESSRS LANE,

CRAWFORD &amp; CO.

The Lists will be Closed on the 25th

Instant.

Hongkong, November 8, 1877. no26

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

Nov. 7, *Horae*, British ship, 1127, J. L.

Wadley, Liverpool July 11, Coal.—P.

O. S. N. Co.

Nov. 7, *Cura*, British ship, 938, Chalmers,

Cardiff June 21, Coals.—ARNHOLD, KAR-

BERG &amp; CO.

Nov. 8, *Samos*, American schooner, 395,

Bryant, Newchwang Oct. 24, Beans.—

RUSSELL &amp; CO.

Nov. 8, *Yewo*, British steamer, 569,

Walker, Swatow Nov. 7, General—Kwok

Achong.

Nov. 8, H.M.S. *Moore*, from Canton.Nov. 8, *Yewo*, British ship, 569,

Aston, Foochow Nov. 4, Amoy 8, and

Swatow 7, Tea and General.—DOUGLAS

LAPRAIK &amp; CO.

Nov. 8, *Pacific*, German steamer,

Peterson, from a trial trip.

Nov. 8, *Rose Bockeler*, German barque,

Schulze, Newchwang Oct. 23, Beans.—

WM. PUSEY &amp; CO.

Nov. 8, *St. Ideu*, French barque, 328,

Durand, Newchwang Oct. 25, Beans.—

CARLOWITZ &amp; CO.

Nov. 8, *Gustav & Marie*, German ship,

834, Bihersch, Newchwang Oct. 27, Beans.—

WIELER &amp; CO.

Nov. 8, *Strathairly*, British steamer,

1238, Camock, Nagasaki Nov. 8, Coals and

General.—GIBB, LIVINGSTON &amp; CO.

Nov. 8, *Le Hugon*, French man-of-war,

1246, M. Galabre, Singapore Oct. 30.

Nov. 8, *Presto*, British barque, 384, T.

Laidman, Chefoo Nov. 1, General.—

METER &amp; CO.

DEPARTURES.

Nov. 8, *Malocca*, for Yokohama.8, *Rosa Bockeler*, for Whampoa.8, *Nisan*, for Europe, &c.8, *Ocean*, for Yokohama and San

Francisco.

8, *Ocean*, for Singapore and Penang.8, *Darra*, for Cebu.

Cleared.

Maria Charlotte, for Salagon.

Europe, from Shanghai; 2, Hal Loong, from Tamsui; 3, Egaria, from Shanghai. Departures During the Week.—Oct. 23, Europe, for Shanghai; 23, Fei Ho, for Tamsui; 20, Wylo, for London; 20, Tah Vew, for Shanghai; 21, Namco, for Hongkong; Nov. 1, Countess of Exmoor, for Colonies; 2, Hal Loong, for Amoy. Shipping in Port.—Fei Ho, Jerusalem, Wandering Minstrel, China; Ling Feng, Europe, Egaria.

#### Police Intelligence.

(Before Hon. C. May.)

Nov. 8th, 1877.

#### PUBLIC GAMBLING.

Chin Aking and eleven others were brought up for gambling in No. 7, Nullah Street, Wanchiai. The house was entered by Sergeant Toomey on a warrant issued by the Acting Captain Superintendent of Police. The 12th defendant was a Policeman No. 04, named Abdool Russell. At first he was thought to be one of the Police party who went to arrest the gamblers, but it turned out that he was one of the gamblers. The Magistrate fined all the defendants \$10 each, except the 12th, who was ordered to pay \$50, or three months' hard labour.

The same defendant was brought up for a breach of Police discipline in going to a gambling house. The Magistrate again fined him \$200 (full penalty) for misconduct as a Police Constable for being found in a gambling house against direct rule, in default to be imprisoned for six months with hard labour to commence at expiration of first sentence.

#### LARCENY.

Chung Akow, a hawker, was charged with stealing a chair from No. 28 Lyndhurst Terrace, the property of Mohamed Ali, a draper. The prisoner had been convicted before of felony, and was therefore committed now for trial at the Supreme Court.

#### AWARE.

Lum Ahee, a chair-cooie, was charged by Inspector McKinney with using indecent language. Complainant, who reads and writes Chinese, was walking in Caine Road out of uniform, when he saw the defendant and another man carrying a chair in which there were two young European children. The children played about in the chair, and the defendant told them to stop, but they continued, when the defendant abused them in the most filthy language in Chinese. An Amah passed by and asked the defendant why he used such bad language. Inspector McKinney then took him into custody. The defendant said he was swearing at his comrade who would not walk fast enough. Fined \$5, or 3 months' hard labour.

#### LARCENY.

Leong Awing, a cooie, was sent to six months' hard labour for stealing a jacket and two pairs of trousers from a Chinese Hong in Wing Lok Street.

#### DANGEROUS WEAPONS.

Chung Kung Foo, a stonemason, was charged by P. C. Butlin with having in his possession a dagger. He was walking on the road from Mah-tow-chong to Chinese Kowlong. Remanded till the 12th inst.

#### SUPREME COURT.

IN CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

(Before the Hon. the Chief Justice, Sir JOHN SMALE.)

8th November, 1877.

Before the regular business of the Court was proceeded with, His Lordship made the following remarks in reference to a child-stealing case, which had been heard before the Court at the Sessions.

The Chief Justice, having taken his seat in Court, called for Chan Kam Tsui of Pak Tong Street, Canton, and thus addressed him:

Chan Kam Tsui.—It appeared on the trial in this Court before me on the 22nd of October last of Wong Afat for stealing a male child, a boy of 6 years of age in Hongkong and taking him to Canton, that the prisoner Wong Afat brought the child to your house on the 9th of September last, that on their stay with you, on the 18th of September, ascertained from the child that the prisoner had kidnapped him. You very properly made the crime known to the community and the Tepo of your district, by the Tepo's directions you secured and kept Wong Afat a prisoner in your house, and you came to Hongkong, found the parents of the child and took them to Canton, where you restored the child to them. You then, encouraged by the Tepo, brought the prisoner to this Colony without promise of reward, and by your straightforward testimony you greatly aided in securing the conviction of Wong Afat of his detestable crime. He will be very severely punished, and you and the Tepo and your neighbour will have the satisfaction of having contributed to so desirable a result.

It is with much satisfaction that I acknowledge the great courtesy of the Tepo. I am sure that the Government of this Colony will be always ready to assist in securing for punishment offenders in China. Thus it is to be hoped that crime in both countries will be more and more suppressed. The Honorable the Attorney General, at my request, made known to His Excellency the Governor of Hongkong the good offices of the Tepo, and your meritorious conduct. Although you are not entitled to any reward, His Excellency desiring to show his appreciation of the conduct of the Tepo and his appreciation of your conduct, has requested me to present \$20, to you.

I now therefore with much satisfaction direct the Registrar to hand \$20 to you.

#### OBTAIING GOODS UNDER FALSE PRETENCES.

Regina v. G. H. Hamilton.

The prisoner was indicted for obtaining goods by false pretences from Mr. Frederick Koss on the 27th September last.

The following Jury was empanelled: Messrs. C. A. Kimbrell, J. Noble, W. B. Spratt, W. M. Mansan, A. E. Cope, and G. D. Remond.

The prisoner pleaded not guilty.

The Attorney General, the Hon. G. Phillipps, instructed by Mr. Johnson, appeared for the prosecution.

The facts were these. The prisoner went to Messrs. Koss & Co.'s and ordered a quantity of goods, such as shirts, handkerchiefs, &c., to the value of \$18, representing that he was 2nd engineer of the steamer *Amoy*, and that he was late in anticipation of his ship because she was about near Foochow in a typhoon. There were still copies of a

similar character against the prisoner, and witnesses in each were called to prove the pretences alleged to have been used to them.

When the prosecution was brought to a close, the prisoner asked permission of the Court to allow the Registrar to read for him the written defence he had prepared.

At this stage the Hon. G. Phillipps asked to be excused, as he had to attend a meeting of the Executive Council.

His Lordship considered that the Executive Council took precedence over this Court, and he therefore adjourned the case till to-morrow, at 10 a.m.

#### China.

FOOCHOW.

(Herald, Nov. 1st.)

The Customs cruiser *Ling Feng* arrived at Pagoda Anchorage yesterday, from Shanghai. It is expected that she will return to that port in a few days.

At a meeting held at the Foochow Club on the evening of 26th ultimo, it was decided to establish a Lawn Tennis Club. A Committee was formed, with power to frame rules and by-laws, in addition to preparing an estimate of preliminary and other expenses for the current year.

The Annual General Meeting of Shareholders in the Foochow Ice Company will be held at the offices of Messrs. Gilman & Co., on Wednesday next, the 7th instant, when the accounts will be presented, and a resolution brought forward to dissolve the Company as early as practicable.

It is rumoured amongst the Chinese that, in consequence of numerous national calamities of late, such as famine, floods, and pestilence, the youthful Emperor has been solicited to change his dynastic title, and that they approach the wrath of the gods, who, it is argued, must be displeased with the reigning title of his Celestial Majesty.

The Tatar Camp will be available for training for the winter meeting from to-morrow, the 2nd instant, having been kindly placed at the service of the Race Club by the Governor General and Acting Manchu General-in-Chief.

As the races are not expected to take place before the first or second week in January, ample time for preparation is provided. An unusual number of griffins are, we believe, expected.

We understand that the six gunboats of the Alpha class, at present attached to the Mamo Arsenal Fleet, went out for gun practice yesterday. Hitherto, the crews have not had many opportunities of distinguishing themselves as marine artillerists; we trust, however, that their newborn activity will not result in any fatal accident. These 38-ton guns really require very careful handling, and the directors of the "infant navy" do not apparently believe in modern surgery or surgical appliances.

On Friday evening last, the 26th ultimo, a large fire broke out in the south-eastern suburb. About sixty houses were destroyed, but fortunately there was no loss of human life. The usual amount of looting prevailed, though the booty was of trifling value, the district being a poor one. It is strange that, in view of the frequency of fire, especially at the season, the native officials should do little or nothing towards checking the thievish propensities of the rabble.

#### GRAND NATIVE FUNERAL PROCESSION AT SHANGHAI.

It is long since Shanghai has witnessed such a procession as passed through its streets to-day. The occasion was the funeral of the wife of General Kwoh Tsui-wei, who died we are informed, some two months ago.

It was a strange mixture of poverty and splendour—the sham and the real. As to splendour there was nothing of the kind connected with it; and anything less like a funeral cortege it would be hard to imagine. It was led by a dirty looking lot of figures such as accompany the Tao-ti on ordinary occasions, with boy minstrels playing on fife and tapping diminutive drums and saucers like metal discs; then came some tawdry creatures dressed (literally) in some old stage garments, with painted faces, and tinsel adornments; after these came a number of coolies dressed in the dirty rig of yamen runners, each bearing a red board with Chinese characters on it, describing the offices heretofore held by the great man whose wife the deceased was. There must have been at least fifty of these. Next came a few mounted men, and following them, about thirty of the Chinese braves, with formidable-looking sword-blades stuck in long handles—big, powerful looking fellows, whom one could hardly help pitying in having to carry such instruments in these days.

After them came a number of men carrying implements that must have been insignia of office, but very much more respectable looking than the men who carry such things in the usual processions to which we are accustomed. Then came some chairs, gaudy paper-covered affairs—one containing a paper box, another a splendid wedding garment with head-dress and all complete, empty—but seated up in the chair as if it were occupied. More and superior musicians, and then about two hundred soldiers, in Chinese uniform, but carrying rifles and fixed bayonets. They walked four abreast—but without any pretence of marching or of discipline. The flag descriptive of the high family of the deceased, and her virtues came next; then a number of priests officiating with a very seedy looking lot, two and two, in front, then some more finely robed, then better still, and finally one, who was, we think, intended to be magnificent. Not came a few respectable-looking gentlemen, and then the mourners in white—amongst whom was a young, about 14 years old, in sackcloth, supported by two persons in white, who directed his every movement. Then the rich, but very gaudy, canopy bears with the coffin, which was of such weight that it required eighty men to carry it through the streets; a few sedan-chairs, containing ladies, and jinrikishas conveying gentlemen who were in some sort engaged in the ceremonies, brought up the rear. We did not see whence the procession came. It passed through Kiangse Road, turned down Hankow Road to the Bund, then round by the Custom House over the Yang-king-pang bridge, and so to the steamer *Kiangsean*, on board of which the coffin, wrapped in thickly wadded crimson cloth, was received for conveyance to the family graves in Honan. The soldiers lined the French bund on both sides, to let the more important portion of the procession pass through. At the point of turning from the street on to the pontoon, two stands were placed with offerings of fowls, fruits, &c., &c., to which several of the gentlemen made genuflections, the youth who was chief mourner making genuflections to each of them as he rose, in token of gratitude. On the platform leading to the

steamer, also, which was lined by these gentlemen, he went down on his knees and bowed his head to the earth before each, doing the same to him. The ladies were conveyed in their chairs right into the ship, and the coffin was taken on to the pontoon in its covering. This was but a framework on a strong floor covered with fine drapery and much ornamented. A dragon's head in front and tail behind gave a kind of finish to it, and was surmounted by a tawdry paper or muslin crane. All this being removed, the coffin itself, wrapped as before described, was conveyed into the steamer; and it was as much as thirty men could do to lift and carry it. The whole being now completed, the procession broke up; the soldiers, each with two trumpets (each with an instrument, like an old-fashioned post horn, but between 4 and 5 feet long, and only producing one most melancholy note), marching away to their barracks.—*Courier*.

#### REVIEW.

(From *China Review* No. 2 Vol. 6.)

The *Treaties between the Empire of China and Foreign Powers*, together with the *Regulations for the conduct of Foreign Trade, etc.*, etc., etc., 1877. Edited by William Frederic Mayers, Chinese Secretary to Her Majesty's Legation at Peking. Shanghai: *North-China Herald Office*.

The editor of the collection of Treaties before us, states that the work was undertaken to supply a requirement long expressed and widely recognised, but he does not inform us by what class this want has been felt. If he alludes to the cosmopolitan communities at the different Treaty ports in China, we fear that the want expressed will be regarded by many as very inadequately supplied in the volume just issued, inasmuch as *Austrians*, *Belgians*, *Italians*, *Spaniards* and *Danes*, instead of having an unbridged version of their respective Treaties supplied to them in their mother tongue, are presented with a mere skeleton of these instruments, for the most part rendered in English, and without an original version placed in juxtaposition for their guidance.

We are told that the condensation, in which the editor has indulged so freely, was adopted because it is well known that the Treaties signed since 1860 have been based upon the British and French Treaties of 1858; but this information affords little satisfaction to the purchaser of the volume who may require the precise language used in such and such an article of such and such a Treaty. Instead of finding what he requires, he would learn, for instance, that Art. VII. of the Spanish Treaty is the same as the 20th Article of the British Treaty, for the Spanish version of which he is left to search where best he can.

This unsparing condensation, in our opinion, is a serious fault, and detracts immensely from the value of the book. Treaties and conventions are, as a rule, used as text books; and when referred to, it is generally with a view to quoting the exact language used by the contracting Powers, for which purpose the present volume will be found most inconvenient if not useless, as one must first look up the reference given, and then translate it into say Italian, which Treaty, (p. 9, 171), as given in the volume before us, is a veritable mass of references, not a single article being intact, and therefore useless for purposes of quotation.

Indeed, we pity the unfortunate Italian who seeks to gain a knowledge of his Treaty rights from this work. He will find the preamble of the text he must dive into the Danish, French and British Treaties before he can ascertain the nature of the engagements entered into between his country and China. The preface informs us that no attempt has been made to bring together the various Treaties and Regulations which have been made during the last sixteen or seventeen years. Surely the learned editor is acquainted with Dr. Williams' *Chinese Commercial Guide* (5th Edition 1863) in which book the British, French, American, and Russian Treaties of Tientsin, with the Chinese text of the former, together with the Tariff and Yangtze Regulations are to be found. Those four Treaties are now reproduced; but as we have only the headings and fragments of those concluded since 1863, all of which we are told are based upon those of 1858, and to which we are referred, we do not see that any great improvement has been made upon the Doctor's work.

Much labour and space might have been saved, since utility has been sacrificed to save space—by briefly informing us that the nationals of other Treaty Powers participate in all the rights, privileges and immunities accorded to Great Britain, France, and the United States, which, in fact, in about all the reader will glean from a perusal of the Treaties in the collection that have been subjected to such unmerciful condensation.

Another useful compilation has also been overlooked, namely, the *Regulations of the Chinese Maritime Customs*, published in 1864 by the late Mr. Thomas Dick, then Commissioner of Customs at Shanghai. Although entitled *Regulations*, &c., the work is in reality a collection of all the Articles in the British, French, American, and Russian Treaties affecting trade, systematically arranged so as to show the Treaty Clauses upon which the Customs Rules are framed. The Tariff and Yangtze Regulations are also given, and are of great interest.

It will thus be seen that two compilations embodying the 1858 Treaties in full or in part have appeared, both of which will be found as useful for reference on commercial matters as the new volume, while for general reference they will be found to be as good as the collection under review, because the later Treaties given therein have been qualified to such a degree as to render them next to useless.

Turning to the Tariff, we find many modifications and changes have been omitted which ought to have been noticed. In the Export Tariff it would have been well to note against seaweed that the duty on the Russian product was reduced in 1867 from one mace five cahndars to one mace. A note having reference to tea dust is given, but the rate of duty in the more important article brick tea, is entirely omitted. That pays six mace per picul under the Tariff of 1858, and is subject to a duty of 100 mace per picul under the Russian Regulations of 1862, should have been stated, otherwise the reader is left to infer that it comes under unenumerated goods.

The special rule referring to Japanese tea is likewise omitted, all of which useful information could have been found in the two older compilations referred to above.

The reduction in the rate of duty on Formosa coal, which took place in 1870, and this year in the case of Hinchin coal, has been overlooked.

The facts were these. The prisoner went to

China, and was indicted for obtaining goods by false pretences from Mr. Fredrick Koss on the 27th September last. The prisoner was found guilty, and sentenced to be imprisoned for one year, and to pay a fine of \$18. The prisoner appealed, and the sentence was affirmed by the Court of Appeal.

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